



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Michelson Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	The project is located directly north of the community of Delleker and northwest of the City of Portola, Portola CA.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Plumas
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area was designed by the landowner to be a permanent shaded fuel break/Defensible Fuel Profile Zone (DFPZ) that tied into an existing shaded fuel break/DFPZ that encircles the entire property. The DFPZ around the property is adjacent to the community of Delleker and the City of Portola. The project will involve the maintenance of a section of an existing fuel break/DFPZ that encircles the Michelson property. To maintain the effectiveness of the existing DFPZ the project will treat the moderate to dense re-growth of various brush species, downed woody debris will be treated, small pockets of conifer that were not treated during the establishment of the DFPZ will be pre-commercially thinned (DBH less than 10 inches), the conifers will be pruned, and the dead or dying trees impacted by insects/disease will be treated. CAL FIRE LMU Antelope Inmate Crews will complete the treatments by hand. The material will be piled and burned.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 15301(h) – Existing Facilities  
15304(i) – Minor alterations of Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT


The project will involve the maintenance of an existing fuel break/DFPZ. Therefore, the project fits under the following classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA:

1. 15301(h) Existing Facilities (Class 1) – Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753 Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
2. 15304(i) Minor Alteration to Land (Class 4) – Allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's LMU Quincy office.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date  
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